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LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL HERITAGE COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring a legislation to set up a National Heritage Commission ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. As the present legal and institutional framework is not adequate to address the documentation, inventorisation and conservation of built heritage in its broadest outline, Government proposes to constitute a Heritage Sites Commission.The Commission would lay down broad policy guidelines and take steps to ensure that such guidelines are observed. The proposed Heritage Sites Commission would:

tender advice to Government on heritage matters.

frame guidelines in the matter of conservation of heritage monuments and sites.

can study or cause to study in important matters regarding conservation of heritage and submit reports to the Government.

suggest appropriate amendments to the existing heritage legislations.

(c) No time frame can be indicated to introduce the legislation in this regard.